

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski

February 7, 2012

An act to add Section 44274.8 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as introduced, Wieckowski. Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Existing law establishes the Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by the State Air Resources Board, to fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, air quality improvement projects related to fuel and vehicle technologies.

This bill would establish the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to be administered by the California Center for Sustainable Energy and with funds made available by the state board pursuant to the Air Quality Improvement Program. The bill would require rebates be made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, in an amount 40% greater than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial vehicles not from a California manufacturer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44274.8 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:

1 44274.8. (a) The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project is hereby
2 established within the Air Quality Improvement Program. The
3 project shall be administered by the California Center for
4 Sustainable Energy, with funds made available by the state board
5 pursuant to this article. Rebates shall be made available from those
6 funds for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty
7 commercial vehicles from a California manufacturer in an amount
8 40 percent greater than the rebates made available for the purchase
9 of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial vehicles not from
10 a California manufacturer.

11 (b) (1) As used in this section, “California manufacturer” means
12 any sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or
13 other business entity that manufactures eligible vehicles in the
14 state and that meets either of the following criteria:

15 (A) The owners or policymaking officers are domiciled in the
16 state and the permanent principal office, or place of business from
17 which the manufacturer’s trade is directed or managed, is located
18 in the state.

19 (B) A business or corporation, including those owned by, or
20 under common control of, a corporation, that meets all of the
21 following criteria continuously during the five years prior to selling
22 an eligible vehicle to a rebate recipient:

23 (i) Owns and operates an in-state manufacturing facility that
24 builds or manufactures eligible vehicles.

25 (ii) Is licensed by the state to conduct business within the state.

26 (iii) Employs state residents for work within the state.

27 (2) For the purposes of qualifying as a California manufacturer,
28 a distribution or sales management office or facility does not
29 qualify as a manufacturing facility.